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for Maryland's children, youth and families**

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**SUPPORT – HB023 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Identification Cards - Issuance to Minors**

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **Motor Vehicle Administration - Identification Cards - Issuance to Minors** to expand access to identification cards to minors. This bill would remove the requirement for a parent or legal guardian to cosign or be present for the minor's application. Identification cards are an essential for access to jobs, housing, education, and even basic services.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland conduct community needs assessments and address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. We regularly work with unhoused and foster youth who may be separated from their families and where parent permission is a barrier to them accessing resources. Having an identification card is a lifeline for our youth and creating more access will allow for them to have more opportunity.

**We urge you to support HB023 - Motor Vehicle Administration - Identification Cards - Issuance to Minors** to create wider access to identification cards to minors.

Sincerely,

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